Raiderettes win 2 more games

The Raiderettes ran up two more wins in varsity girls' basketball action last week to bring their Seminole District record to four wins against one loss.

Tuesday against Altavista the local girls overcame a tight first quarter to assume a lead which built during the final three quarters and culminated in a 47-38 win, the Raiderettes' third in district competition.

"The score was tied at 13 at the end of the first quarter, but we broke it open in the second quarter with our half-court press," said Coach Mary Tolley after the game. She cited Ruby Smith, who scored seven of her game-high 15 points in the second quarter as one reason the Raiderettes pulled away so quickly.

Tolley substituted freely in the final quarter, as the Raiderettes built up a 17-point lead early on in that period.

Smith, with 15 points, was high scorer in the game, followed by LeAnne Williamson of Altavista with 12 points, and Rhonda Jaggars of Appomattox with 11 points.

Other Raiderettes scoring during the Altavista game were Robin Martin with six points, Susan Handy, Karen Johnson, and Angie Murray, each with four points, and Lolita Preston, with three points.

Smith also led the Raiderettes with 12 rebounds, followed by Jaggars, Martin and Preston, each with five, and Handy, with 3.

Coach Tolley cited the defensive efforts of Handy, with six assists and a blocked shot, and of Preston, with two assists and two blocked shots, as instrumental in the win, as well.

She added that the team had a total of 13 steals during the Altavista game, including five by Smith.

The Raiderettes worked their magic again Friday night against Brookville, as the Appomattox girls came away from the hometown gym with their fourth district win, a 45-35 decision over the Lady Bees.

Ruby Smith had the hot hand again Friday night, scoring an amazing 22 points to lead Raiderette scorers in the game. She was followed by Karen Johnson and Lolita Preston, each with eight points, Robin Martin with five points, and Susan Handy and Rhonda Jaggers, each with a point.

The Raiderettes jumped out to an early lead, 9-4, at the end of the first quarter. Appomattox led by a comfortable eight points, 22-16, as the first half ended.

The third-quarter margin was seven points, 35-28, and the local girls had scored 45 points to the Lady Bees' 35 when the final buzzer sounded.

"They were a lot larger than we were, but we combined good defense, hustle and speed to beat them," said Coach Tolley.

According to Tolley, four of the Brookville players were bigger than any of the Appomattox players. "They played a slow-down game," the coach added, "and our half-court press messed them up."

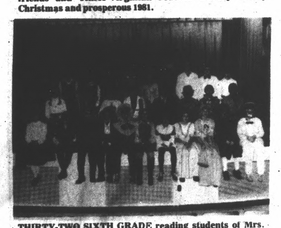
Tolley commended the offensive performance of Ruby Smith, and cited the efforts of Karen Johnson, who came off the bench and "did a tremendous job for us."

The Raiderettes, with a 4-1 district record, are now in fourth place behind Liberty (6-0), Rustburg and Gretna, both have 5-1 records.

RAIDERETTES ROBIN Martin and Ruby Smith defend against Brookville's Debbie Keys in varsity girls' basketball action Friday night at Appomattox. The local girls won the game, 45-35 (Photo by Bill Sherrod).

RAIDER MARVIN JOHNSON goes in for a lay-up on a fast break against Brookville in Friday night's 51-45 Appomattox victory (Photo by Bill Sherrod).

CASSIE BALDWIN, Times-Virginian Rocks correspondent, is shown holding a tremendous 8-pound turnip which came from the garden of a neighbor. Cassie wished all her friends and Times-Virginian readers a very Merry Christmas and prosperous 1981.



THIRTY-TWO SIXTH GRADE reading students of Mrs. Shirley Eye have been taking a closer look at an author of their choice during the last six-weeks grading period. One of the assigned projects was to design and complete a costume that might have been worn by the author of their choice or one of the characters out of his book. On December 17 students wore the finished costumes to school.

AS A SEASONAL ACTIVITY all doors at the Appomattox Elementary School were decorated in the Christmas theme and judged on Thursday, December 18 by Ms. Beth Lawson , Mrs. Margaret Neathery and Mrs. Wendy Richardson, art teachers for the Appomattox County School System. The winners were: first place, Mrs. Shirley Eye's class; second place, Ms. Carolyn Morris' class; and third place, Mrs. Betty Bryan's class.

Raiders sting Bees for first victory of season

Victory was sweet for the Appomattox Raider varsity boys' basketball team as the hometown gang walked away with its first victory of the season Friday night, a 51-45 victory over Brookville.

The win followed a squeaker Tuesday night in which Appomattox came out on the short end of a 64-62 score in a contest against Altavista.

Friday's win, the first for Appomattox in the still-young season, was spurred by a 23-point performance by Raider Shane Abernathy, as well as a 10-point game by Marvin Johnson.

Brookville led through all of the first quarter, until Abernathy dropped a shot at the buzzer to give the Raiders a 12-10 advantage at the end of the initial period of play.

The Raiders stretched that lead in the second quarter, recording 12 points to the Bees' 7, to take a 24-17 lead into the locker room at half time.

Brookville did little better in the third quarter, scoring only two points to the Raiders' nine. But the fourth quarter was a different story.

The Bees exploded for 26 points in the final period of play, while the Raiders totaled only 18. The game came down to the wire, with Brookville narrowing the margin to as little as three points with less than two minutes to play. But the fould shooting of the Raiders' Rick Caldwell and Shane Abernathy made the difference for the win.

Abernathy's 23 points, including a 7-for-nine performance from the freethrow line, were high marks for the game.

Johnson's 10 points (two-for-four from the foul line) was second-best for Appomattox in Friday's game, followed by Kevin Ferguson's nine points, Caldwell's four points, Simmons' three points, and Miller's. two points.

Coach Coty Dickerson said before last Tuesday's game, "I have that feeling -- like we're going to win tonight.

Dickerson's instincts were not far from wrong, as the then-winless Raiders went into overtime against district-leading Altavista to lose by two, 64-62.

The Raiders held a three-point advantage at the end of the first half, 31-28. During the second half, the lead see-sawed, and as the final buzzer sounded, the Raiders and Altavista found themselves in a 60-60 deadlock.

Chauncey Clark of Altavista made two freethrows early in the overtime, but Kevin Ferguson scored on a jumper to tie the score as the overtime period wound down.

Clark and Bruce Goldsmith then combined on a back-door play against the Raider defense to provide the two-point winning margin.

Ferguson had the hot hand for the Raiders Tuesday night, with a 23-point total. Shane Abernathy followed with 16 points, Jeff Miller had 13 points, Marvin Johnson had eight points, and Rick Caldwell had two.

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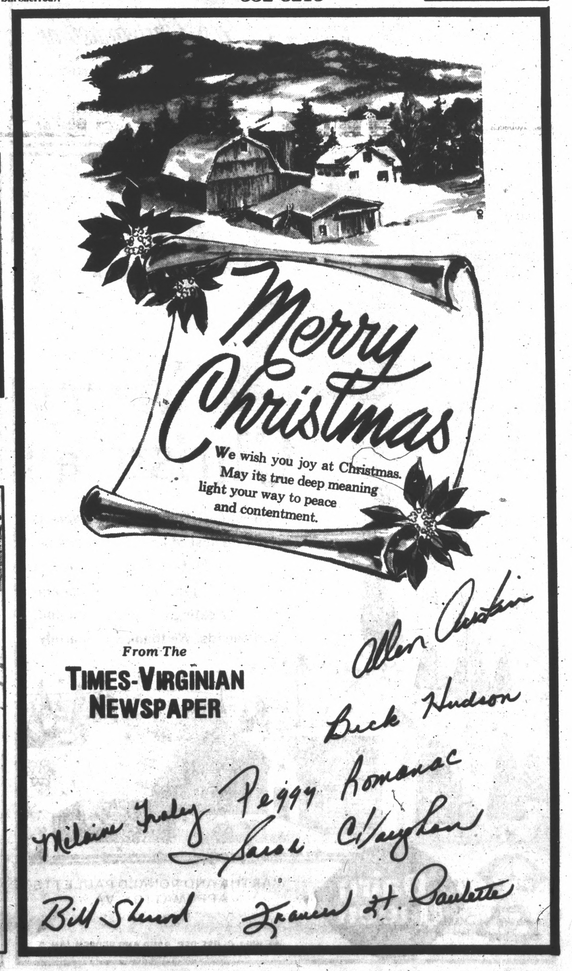

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Social News

Miss Linda Gail Torrence

Miss Torrence will wed Mr. Almond

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Torrence of Appomattox announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Gail, to Mr. Donald Lee Almond, Jr., the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lee Almond. Linda is also the daughter of Mrs. Doris Dalton.

The 1981 wedding will be an event of April 4, 1981 at 2:00 o'clock at Liberty Baptist Church. Although no invitations are being sent, relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Red Hill DAR members have Christmas tea

The members of the Red Hill Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution celebrated the Christmas holidays with a Christmas tea on Sunday, December 21, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The event was held in Appomattox at "Charmos", the home of Mr. and Mrs. Webster Babcock.

Members and guests were entertained with Christmas music presented by Miss Tamara Nash, Ricky Moove and Miss Peggy Goin of Appomattox and five Red Hill Chapter family members: Mrs. Ruth Hines, Mrs. Elizabeth Hines Scott, Mrs. Jean Hines Morris, Mrs. Helen Hines Tolbert and Mrs. Rebecca Hines Bowling.

Hostesses for the annual Christmas event were Mrs. Babcock, Mrs. W. R. Herndon Jr., Mrs. Lester Payne, Mrs. Timothy Gentry, Mrs Ashby Scott and Miss Janet Moses.

Mr. John ("Booty") Robinson visited his mother and sister, Mrs. Bessie Robinson and Mrs. Dorothy Patrick over the weekend.

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Miss Marie Fraley of James Madison University, Harrisonburg is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fraley Jr.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Beaty and family will leave Friday morning for Lewisville, Alabama where they will visit his mother, Mrs. Maude Beaty.

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Margie Coleman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel R. Coleman, Jr., entertained a group of fellow Allied Health students from Central Virginia Community College with a spaghetti dinner at her home. This is the first activity planned by the group for the holidays.

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Mr. S. W. Gilliam of Roanoke is visiting his sister Miss Marguerite Gilliam.

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Mrs. Virginia McLaughlin of Victoria will spend the holidays with Mrs. Florence Trent.

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Mrs. L. H. Franklin left Monday for Richmond to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Carrington Beard.

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Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Speck and daughter of Dumfries will arrive on Christmas Day to visit Mr. Archer Webb and other relatives.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Moore, Jr. of Richmond visited in the home of Mrs. Helene Harvey on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Evans of Union, New Jersey are spending some time with his mother, Mrs. S. J. Evans and other relatives in Pamplin.

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Miss Cindy Newcomb and friend, Mr. Mike Hess of Poquoson were Saturday guests in the home of her grandmother, Mrs. S. J. Evans.

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H. Webster Babcock and Mrs. Blanche Poe visited in the home of Marshall Babcock and family of Amherst on Sunday.

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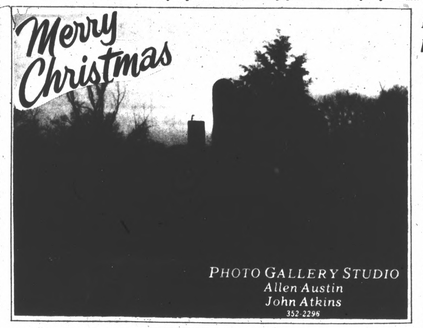

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Reception will honor the Roy Moores

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moore will entertain them with a reception honoring their 60th wedding anniversary at Rocks Baptist Church on December 28 from two until five o'clock in the afternoon.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend. The honored couple request no gifts, please.

Seymours to celebrate anniversary

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert T. Seymour will honor their parents with a 60th anniversary celebration at Holly Manor Nursing home on December 25 from two until four o'clock in the afternoon.

Friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend. No gifts please.

Mrs. Donald E. Baines

Miss Phelps weds Mr. Baines

Laura Lynn Phelps, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell W. Phelps, Jr. and Donald E. Baines, the son of Mrs. Mary B. Betterton and Eugene L. Baines announce their marriage on Friday, December 12, 1980 at their residence.

Moses Mays, Commissioner of Revenue performed the double ring ceremony.

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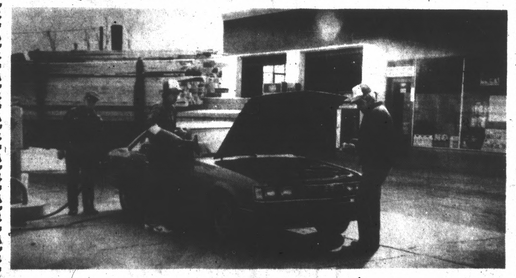

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